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RECORDATION NO. 21903 FILED

DEC 29 '98

11-30 AM

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 1998-J

RECORDATION NO. 21903-A, B, C FILED

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11-30 AM

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of each of the two primary documents described below and the two secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-J), dated as of December 30, 1998, between Wilmington Trust Company, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-J), dated as of December 30, 1998, between Wilmington Trust Company, as owner trustee (the "Owner Trustee"), and First Security Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J), dated as of December 30, 1998, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J), dated as of December 30, 1998, between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J) are connected are the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-J) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-J), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

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The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
 Rodney Square North
 1100 North Market Street
 Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
 Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
 79 South Main Street
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred four dollars (\$104.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-J) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of December 30, 1998, covering the railroad rolling stock bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-J) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79

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South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of December 30, 1998, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to railroad rolling stock bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of December 30, 1998, covering railroad rolling stock bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee dated as of December 30, 1998, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(4) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of December 30, 1998, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to railroad rolling stock bearing reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee, dated as of December 30, 1998, which is filed concurrently herewith.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

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By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

KTW/b
Enclosures

Law Offices of
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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	101	BNSF 4866, BNSF 4872, BNSF 4873, BNSF 4881 through BNSF 4978, inclusive
5,161 Cubic Foot Covered Hopper Cars	200	SEE SCHEDULE A ATTACHED HERETO
66 Foot Gondola Cars	400	BNSF 518000 through BNSF 518399, inclusive
3,500 Cubic Foot Covered Hopper Cars	350	BNSF 409000 through BNSF 409349, inclusive

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Schedule A

GRAIN CARS

Car Numbers			Number of		Cumulative
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BNSF	472846	through	BNSF	472847	26
BNSF	472851	through	BNSF	—	27
BNSF	472857	through	BNSF	472859	30
BNSF	472861	through	BNSF	472862	32
BNSF	472864	through	BNSF	472866	35
BNSF	472868	through	BNSF	472875	43
BNSF	472877	through	BNSF	472879	46
BNSF	472882	through	BNSF	—	47
BNSF	472884	through	BNSF	472885	49
BNSF	472887	through	BNSF	472892	55
BNSF	472894	through	BNSF	—	56
BNSF	472896	through	BNSF	472897	58
BNSF	472899	through	BNSF	—	59
BNSF	472904	through	BNSF	472905	61
BNSF	472908	through	BNSF	472909	63
BNSF	472973	through	BNSF	—	64
BNSF	472982	through	BNSF	—	65
BNSF	472987	through	BNSF	—	66
BNSF	473046	through	BNSF	—	67
BNSF	473327	through	BNSF	—	68
BNSF	473330	through	BNSF	473331	70
BNSF	473336	through	BNSF	—	71
BNSF	473339	through	BNSF	—	72
BNSF	473370	through	BNSF	473379	82
BNSF	473381	through	BNSF	473383	85
BNSF	473386	through	BNSF	—	86
BNSF	473388	through	BNSF	473390	89
BNSF	473392	through	BNSF	473394	92
BNSF	473398	through	BNSF	473408	103
BNSF	473410	through	BNSF	473414	108
BNSF	473416	through	BNSF	473417	110
BNSF	473419	through	BNSF	473423	115
BNSF	473425	through	BNSF	—	116
BNSF	473428	through	BNSF	473503	192
BNSF	473507	through	BNSF	—	193
BNSF	473511	through	BNSF	—	194
BNSF	473515	through	BNSF	473516	196
BNSF	473521	through	BNSF	473524	200

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423-0001

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Robert W. Alvord

Date: 12/29/98

Alvord and Alvord
918 Sixteenth Street, NW., Ste. 200
Washington, DC., 20006-2973

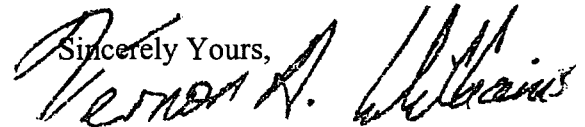
Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11301

and 49 CFR 1177.3(c), on 12/29/98 at 11:30 AM, and

assigned recordation number(s). W-54, 21902, 21903, 21903-A, 21903-B, 21903-C,
21903-D, 21904, 21904-A, 21904-B, 21904-C, 21904-D,
20249-F, 20846-E, 20846-F and 21665-A.

Sincerely Yours,



Vernon A. Williams

Enclosure(s) (16)

416.00

\$_____ The amount indicated at the left has been received in payment of a fee in connection with a document filed on the date shown. This receipt is issued for the amount paid. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Surface Transportation Board has an opportunity to examine your document.

Signature _____



MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 DEC 29 '98 11-30 AM
(BNSF 1998-J)

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1, made and entered into as of December 30, 1998, by and between Wilmington Trust Company, a Delaware banking corporation, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

1. The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-J), dated as of November 1, 1998 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

2. A memorandum of said Lease Agreement is being recorded with the Surface Transportation Board concurrently herewith pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

3. The undersigned have entered into that certain Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-J), dated December 30, 1998, whereby the terms and provisions of the above-described Lease Agreement are made applicable to certain railroad rolling stock bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, not in its
individual capacity, but solely as Owner
Trustee

By _____

Name:

Title:

JAMES P. LAWLER
Vice President

Executed on this 10th day of December, 1998.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____

Name: Linda J. Hurt

Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this ____ day of December, 1998.

**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(BNSF 1998-J)**

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Trustee

By _____

Name:

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Executed on this ____ day of December, 1998.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By  _____

Name: Linda J. Hurt

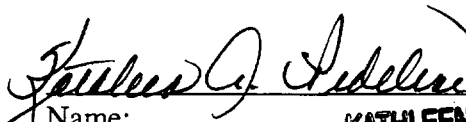
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 14th day of December, 1998.

STATE OF Delaware)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF New Castle)

On this, the 10th day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared James P. Lawler, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on December 10, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.


Name: KATHLEEN A. PEDELIN
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Oct. 31, 2002
Residing in _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the _____ day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Linda J. Hurt, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the Assistant Vice President-Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on December __, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the _____ day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on December __, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the 14th day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Linda J. Hurt, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the Assistant Vice President-Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on December 14, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Nadine M. Grandi
Name: NADINE M. GRANDI
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 03/18/00
Residing in Cook County

EXHIBIT A

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